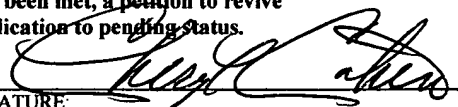


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TITLE OF INVENTION DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE (AS AMENDED)					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Minoru HOSHINO et al.					
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